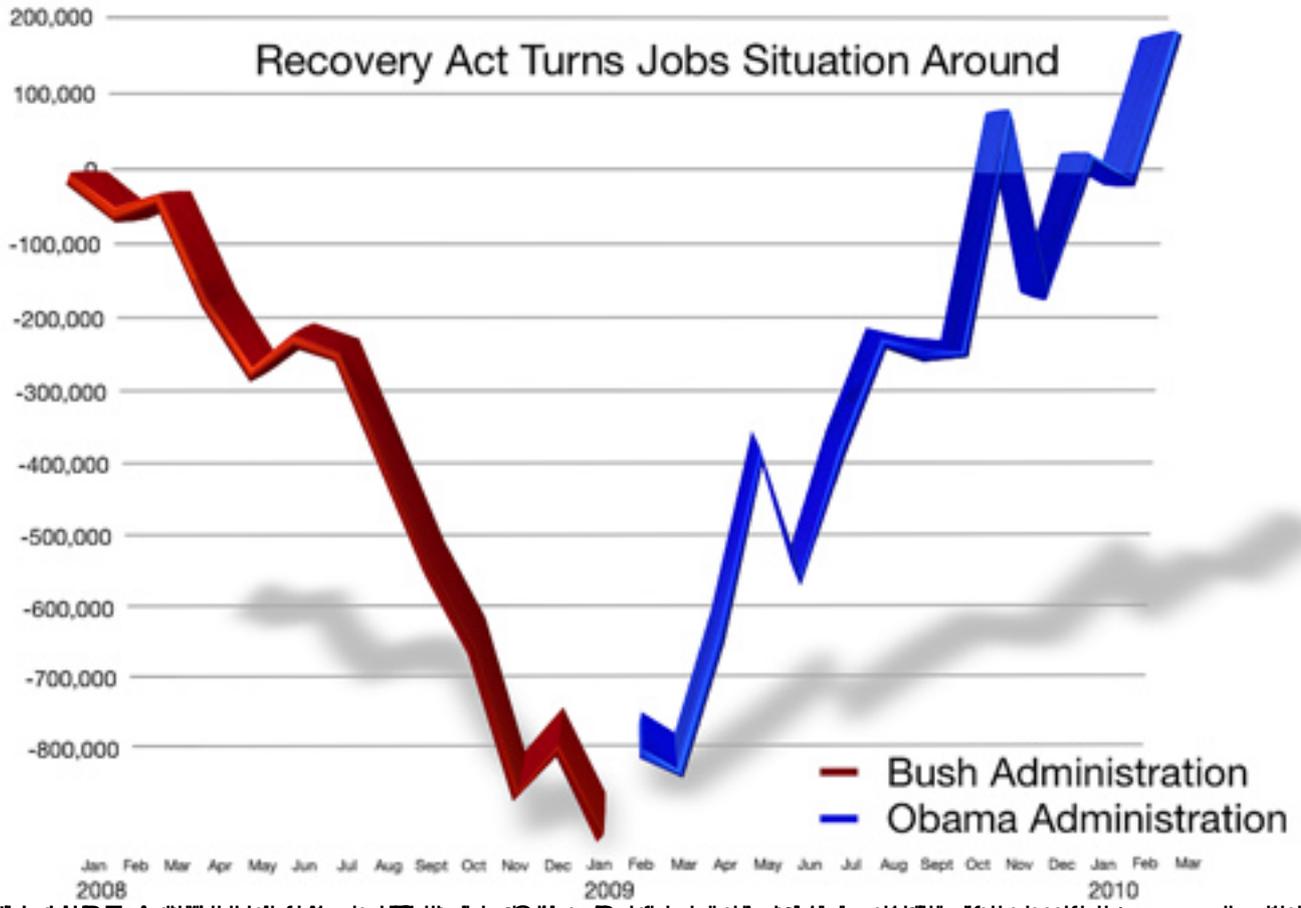


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**WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD) released the following statement on the March jobs report released today by the Department of Labor, showing 162,000 jobs added to the economy in March – the largest one month increase in three years:**

"Today's news that our economy added 162,000 jobs is an important sign that the economy is turning around after many months of job losses. Even after accounting for the census, the long-term picture shows that Democratic economic policies averted catastrophe, and are starting to return our economy to strength. In the first quarter of 2009, President Obama inherited an economy that shed more than 2 million jobs; in the first quarter of 2010, by contrast, America is adding jobs again.



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